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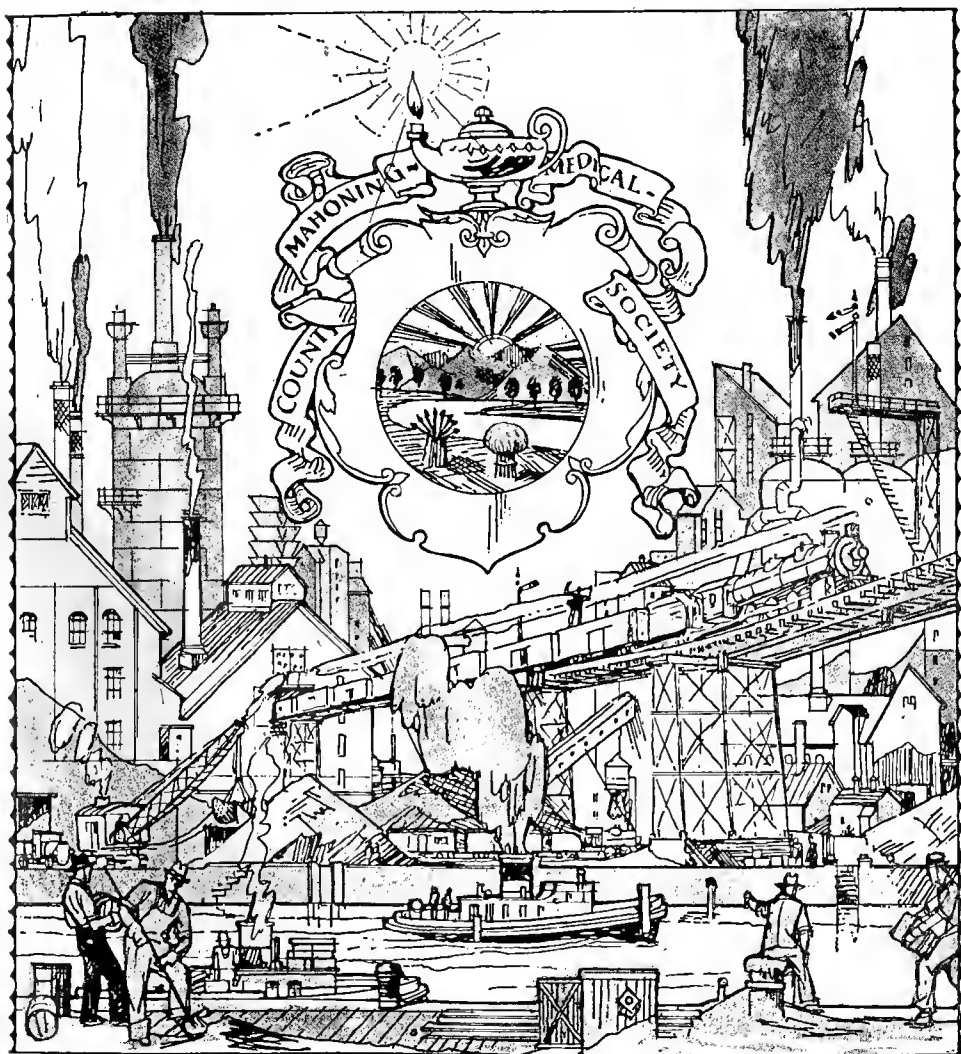
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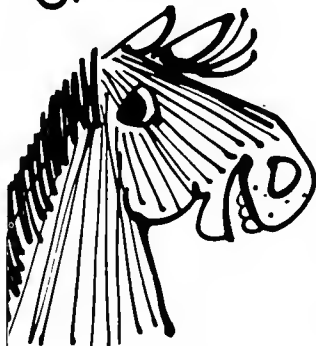
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## EDITORIAL

### A BOUQUET FOR SOME FRIENDS

We would like to send a belated Valentine to some friends of ours—and by "ours", we mean friends of all the members of the Mahoning County Medical Society. We're talking about the Bulletin advertisers—those local and national businessmen who have faithfully supported the Bulletin with their advertising over the years.

Not only do we wish to thank them publicly for being a part of the Bulletin, but we wish to encourage our readers to return this support by making use of the drug stores, the pharmaceutical and supply houses, and the personal services that are offered through these pages.

Several of our current advertisers first began with the Bulletin back in Vol. 1, No. 1, which came out in 1931. These include White's Drug Stores, The Zemmer Co., Lyons-Laeri Co. (now Lyons Physician Supply), Joseph Spievak (now Youngstown Limb), and James, Calvin, Weaver Inc. (now James and Weaver). First pharmaceutical company to advertise in the Bulletin was Mead-Johnson & Co.

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## NEWS FLASH

At the officers meeting in Columbus, March 3, the council of the Ohio State Medical Association announced that the controversial pre-payment medical-surgical plan of Blue Shield, as developed for consideration by the OSMA membership, was being dropped. In its place, Blue Shield will offer a paid-in-full plan for the under \$7500 income group which will pay the physician's "usual and customary fee."

# VENEREAL DISEASE CLINIC REPORT FOR 1962

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS SEEN DURING THE YEAR	468
Persons not seen previously	440
OF THESE:	
Admitted for Syphilis	23
Admitted for Gonorrhea	250
Admitted for Lymphogranuloma venereum	1
Persons not infected and not admitted	166
	<u>440</u>

## SYPHILIS

NUMBER OF CASES TREATED THIS YEAR	40
Carried over from 1961	17
Admitted this year	23
	<u>40</u>
Primary and secondary	2
Early latent	2
Late latent	11
Late	1
Central Nervous System	2
Congenital	5
	<u>23</u>
Number of blood tests taken	549
Reactive	131
Nonreactive	418
	<u>549</u>
Number of spinal punctures	7
Reactive	0
Nonreactive	7
	<u>7</u>

NUMBER OF CLINIC VISITS FOR SYPHILIS	347
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## GONORRHEA

Number of cases treated this year	261
Carried over from 1961	11
Admitted this year	250
	<u>261</u>
Males	163
Females	87
	<u>250</u>

### OF THE 250 PATIENTS:

80 or 32% were between 11 and 20 years of age

131 or 52.4% were between 21 and 30 years of age

34 or 13.6% were between 31 and 40 years of age

1 or .4% were between 41 and 50 years of age

4 or 1.6% were between 51 and 60 years of age

Number of cultures taken	118
Positive	16
Negative	102
	<u>118</u>

NUMBER OF VISITS FOR GONORRHEA	861
LYMPHOGRANULOMA VENEREUM cases treated	1
NUMBER OF VISITS FOR LYMPHOGRANULOMA VENEREUM	5
NUMBER OF VISITS MADE BY PERSONS NOT INFECTED	346
GRAND TOTAL OF CLINIC VISITS	<u>1559</u>



Mrs. Friedl Polk, R.N., the clinic nurse, processed 519 "Epidemiological Forms" during 1962.

SYPHILIS .....	293
Not infected .....	122
Adequate treatment .....	95
Placed under treatment .....	71
Infected but not treated .....	2
Expired .....	3
	<u>293</u>
GONORRHEA .....	118
Not infected .....	15
Infected and treated .....	103
	<u>118</u>

There were 5 "Epidemiological Forms" from the Armed Forces Examining Station:

Congenital 3: 1 treated and 2 had adequate treatment  
 Early latent 1: had adequate treatment  
 Not infected 1

Of the "Epidemiological Forms" processed by Mrs. Polk, 68 were sent to other states and cities in Ohio.

Alabama .....	2	Ohio .....	24
Arkansas .....	1	Pennsylvania .....	21
California .....	1	Tennessee .....	1
Georgia .....	5	West Virginia .....	2
Michigan .....	2		—
Mississippi .....	2		68
New York .....	7		

29 were received from other states and cities in Ohio.

California .....	1	Pennsylvania .....	6
Illinois .....	2	Washington (state) .....	1
Kentucky .....	2		—
New Jersey .....	2		29
Ohio .....	15		

Mrs. Polk also interviewed 240 persons; this includes clinic patients and patients of private physicians.

93 home visits were made with the assistance of other Visiting Nurses.

The patient with lymphogranuloma venereum was also suffering from an extensive carcinoma of the penis; he was eventually referred to surgery and a radical operation was performed.

In Youngstown, like in other cities, homosexuality plays an ever increasing role in the spread of venereal disease. In the past we would see an occasional homosexual individual but in 1961 and 1962 twelve such persons came to our attention, three of them with primary syphilis.

Gonorrhea continues to flourish uncontrolled. Loose morals, promiscuity and difficulty in detecting the disease in the female where it frequently is asymptomatic, are the main reasons for the continued high prevalence of this disease.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Henri Schmid, M.D.

*In Memoriam*

**DR. EDWARD C. MYLOTT**

Dr. Edward C. Mylott, parochial school physician, died at the age of 73 at his home on Lincoln Ave. on Saturday, Feb. 16, 1963.

Dr. Mylott was born in Youngstown on July 25, 1889. His pre-med was taken at St. Charles College, in Elliott City, Maryland. He received his M.D. from Ohio Wesleyan in Cleveland, which is now Western Reserve, in 1913. He interned at St. Alexis Hospital in Cleveland, 1913-14. After spending several years in the Army Medical Corps, during which he saw service in France in the First World War, he began practicing general medicine and surgery in Cleveland with Dr. J. V. Gallagher. In 1921, several interested persons in Youngstown requested him to study Otolaryngology. He became interested in this field and associated himself with the Lakeside and Charity Hospitals' Ear, Nose and Throat Clinics from 1921 to 1925. During this time, he spent a winter in Boston taking Dr. Mosber's course. He also took Dr. Baranay's course in Cleveland in 1922.

In 1925, Dr. Mylott moved to Youngstown and practiced E.N.T. in the Dollar Bank building for five years when he moved to Lincoln Ave.

In 1927, he married Jesse Kesselem, who was then a nurse from Cleveland, and a graduate of St. Ann's Hospital. His daughter, Mrs. John Sheridan, was a nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Dr. Mylott was semi-retired since 1948 due to a coronary. Until that time, his main hobbies had been sports. In college he played basketball, baseball and golf. He had received offers to play professional baseball after playing in the Cleveland City League.

Dr. Mylott's interest in his medical profession and the medical society continued over the years. It was with great sadness that the secretary cancelled the reservation that Dr. Mylott had made in order that he might attend the Feb. 19th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

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**GENERAL PRACTICE SOCIETY NEWS**

The General Practice Society moved into 1963 with a brand new president and a new set of ideas. At the annual meeting in December, the G.P.'s installed Dr. Sidney Keyes as their new president. Dr. Erhard Weltman stepped up from secretary-treasurer to president-elect, and Dr. G. E. DeCicco was elected to the post of new secretary-treasurer.

This was a second term for Secretary DeCicco, who had a previous term in 1953 but stepped out of line for the presidency when he became Secretary of the Mahoning County Medical Society, and later went on to become County Society President in 1956.

The first official meeting of the society, originally scheduled for January, was rescheduled for March 12. Guest speaker for this event was Dr. Robert Halen, Medical Director of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation. Dr. Halen spoke on "Low Back Pain in Industry", a subject of interest to all members in this industrial town.

Coming events include a lecture by Dr. Lester Gregg on the newer developments in surgery for deafness.

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## POLITICAL OBSERVATIONS

### by the Legislative Committee

In the last issue of the Bulletin, the Legislative Committee analyzed the make up of the 88th Congress in terms of conservative and liberal strength with particular attention to medical legislation. It would seem that a similar look at the Ohio State Legislature might be in order.

#### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW . . .

Here is the political line-up in the 105th Regular Session of the Ohio Legislature:

House of representatives - 88 Republicans  
49 Democrats

Senate - 20 Republicans  
13 Democrats

#### ANALYSIS . . .

Mahoning County is represented by two senators from the 23rd legislative district. These are Charles J. Carney (D) and James H. Grose (R). There are three representatives in the House from Mahoning County this session. These are Thomas J. Barrett (D), Thomas P. Gilmartin (D) and G. D. Tablack (D).

All are members of standing committees. Tablack is on the House Rules, the Finance, and the Liquor Control Committees. Gilmartin is on the Commerce and Transportation, the Government Operations, and the Industry and Labor Committees. Barrett is on the Insurance and the Interstate Cooperation Committees.

In the Senate, Carney is on the Senate Rules and the State Government Committees, and Grose is on the Liquor Control, the Highways and Motor Vehicles, and the Civil Service, Elections and Retirement Committees.

Despite the fact that there is no local representation on either the Senate Education and Health Committee or the House Health Committee, our representatives and senators have always shown interest in health measures. Rep. Gilmartin has introduced H. B. 30 this year that would provide certain state-paid therapies and medications to indigent patients discharged from mental hospital.

Other current bills of medical interest are: H. B. 164 by Rep. Zook that would take away the lien from the aid-for-the aged law, which may be an attempt to permit Ohio to participate completely in the Kerr-Mills law; S. B. 14 by Sen. Garrigan, which would prohibit malpractice action against a physician who administers emergency treatment at the scene of an accident; H. B. 102 by Rep. Oyster, which would permit boards of education to appoint optometrists.

S. B. 66 by Senators Whalen and Bartunek is sponsored by the Ohio Hospital Association and would exempt non-profit corporations, etc., from liability for injury or death resulting from wrongful acts of their employees. Several bills have been introduced concerning the location of new medical schools in Ohio.

Never hesitate to phone or write to our representatives or senators about health bills. When they do not hear from you, they assume that physicians have no interest in a bill, and therefore vote accordingly to whatever other interests may influence them. They want to do a good job and welcome your opinions, directly as a constituent as well as through the O.S.M.A.

Here is where to write to them:

Charles J. Carney, 2405 Volney Rd., Youngstown  
James H. Grose, 66 Chestnut Ridge, Hubbard

Thomas J. Barrett, 4119 Euclid Blvd., Youngstown  
 Thomas P. Gilmartin, 1208 Realty Bldg., Youngstown  
 G. D. Tablack, 9 E. Washington St., Struthers

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## MAHONING COUNTY RESOLUTIONS

At the Feb. 19 meeting of the Medical Society, the following two resolutions were approved to be submitted to the House of Delegates of the Ohio State Medical Association at the annual meeting in May:

### RESOLUTION

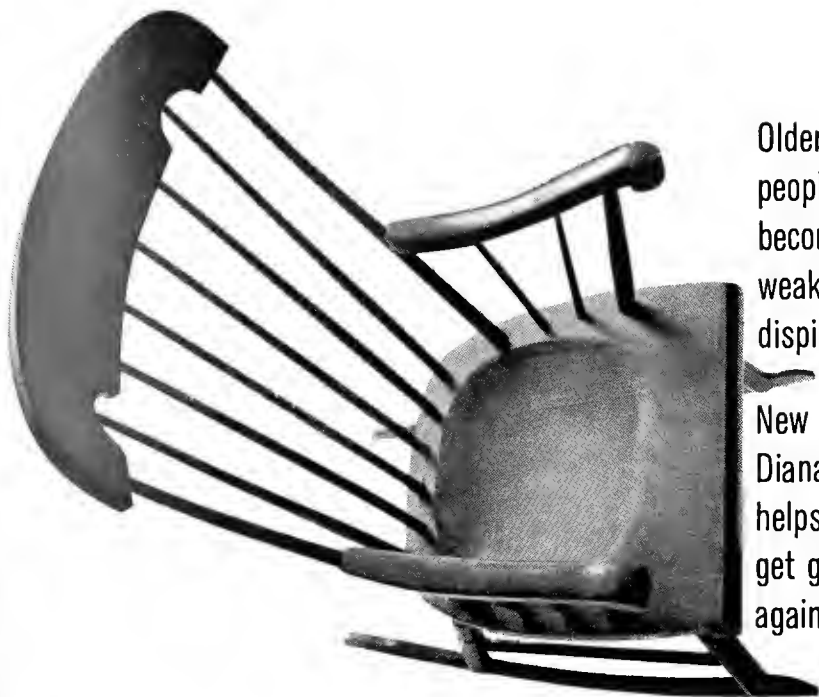
#### Over 65 Insurance Pool

- WHEREAS: Medicare under a Social Security type of program was narrowly defeated in the last U. S. Congress, and  
 WHEREAS: Undoubtedly a modification of the above bill will again be presented to Congress with additions to make its passage more likely, and  
 WHEREAS: There is a considerable portion of our population which is over 65 years of age and this number is significantly increasing annually, and  
 WHEREAS: The cost of living index is steadily rising, making it increasingly more difficult for our senior citizens to pay for adequate medical care, although Americans over 65 are known to have more liquid assets on a relative basis than any other population age group, and  
 WHEREAS: Actuarial statistics show that by 1970 approximately 90% of this age group will have some sort of insurance coverage, therefore  
 BE IT RESOLVED: That the Ohio State Medical Association immediately undertake the study of the principle of combined pooled resources of insurance companies to the end that such a plan be proposed in the State of Ohio.

### RESOLUTION

#### Chamber of Commerce

- WHEREAS: Chambers of Commerce are potentially the strongest single force in existence to perpetuate and refine our free-enterprise system, and  
 WHEREAS: Chamber of Commerces are dedicated to the improvement of the general welfare of our communities, and  
 WHEREAS: Chambers of Commerce depend upon and need the talents and resources of the businessmen and professional men dedicated to the improvement and preservation of the free-enterprise system, therefore  
 BE IT RESOLVED: That the House of Delegates of the Ohio State Medical Association recommend that each member of the Ohio State Medical Association endorse and support the Ohio State Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, and  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the House of Delegates of the Ohio State Medical Association recommend that each member of the Ohio State Medical Association affiliate himself with his local Chamber of Commerce to work for the accomplishment of mutual objectives.



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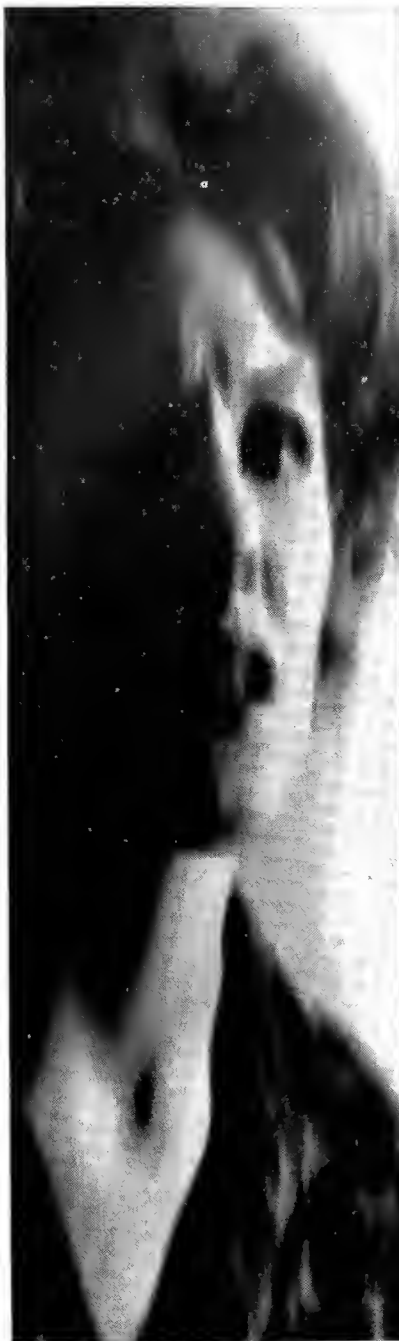
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## THE OVERALL ROLE OF THE MODERN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY IN THE COMMUNITY

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a talk presented at the AMA Institute in Chicago, August, 1962, by Dr. Jack Schreiber. It was also reprinted in the Michigan State Medical Journal in December, 1962.*

For the past year or so, organized medicine has been on the defensive. But now that the King-Anderson bill has been defeated, doctors can begin to act instead of react. We've been on the defensive because of the need to answer charges leveled against the profession. Charges which have for the most part been unwarranted—yet nevertheless based on some deficiency. Perhaps the deficiency arises from the fact that in general we doctors have been too preoccupied with the narrowness of the practice of medicine. We have failed a little in that we have not paused long enough to fulfill the rest of our sacred obligation in the service of mankind. That obligation includes being a good citizen among other things. It also includes a very distinct response to the needs of the community from which we earn our way of life.

It would seem to me that as we take stock of the proper role of the organized unit of modern medicine on a local level—the county medical society—we can come always, full circle, to the realization that service is the basic foundation upon which we can rebuild the public confidence and merit the respect once held so highly by the profession.

### HOW CAN THE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY SERVE THE COMMUNITY

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2. Radio and television shows: "Consultation" & "Diagnosis".

IV. Guiding: "People want help—let us show them the way."

1. Public service projects. County fair exhibits, medical disaster preparedness, working with community groups, etc.
2. Insurance committee:

Propose: County medical society under the guidance, and supervision of the AMA and the state medical societies, work with local and state insurance agencies to prepare booklets, pamphlets, or brochures on health insurance. These materials to be made available to every practitioner to give to and discuss with patients.

To include:

1. Philosophy of health insurance.
2. Outline of basic needs
3. List by name companies and policies

We've been given a brief respite in the struggle for the preservation of free enterprise in medical care. In the overall picture we are in reality struggling with others to preserve, protect and defend the basic freedom given to us as a heritage by those who broke their hearts to get it—and who died in many cases to keep it. Whether it is justified or not, the AMA, the county medical society, and the individual doctor is on trial. This is a trial testing whether or not American medicine can meet the challenge of the jet age. The challenge is, are we good enough, worthy enough to deserve free enterprise. Can we, joining with the great insurance industry, and those who believe in the credo of individual responsibility, successfully combat liberalism?

One of the most effective methods of meeting our challenge is to render even greater service to the local community. This has been outlined. But no project, no worthwhile committee, no activity, will ultimately succeed unless we tell the people what we are doing. We must utilize every possible means of communication available to tell the story of medicine to the people. This could well be the watchword—tell the story of medicine—the scientific; the political; the social; the economic; the cultural chapters of the exciting story of medicine.

We must meet the challenge if we are to remain free. We must improve the public image of organized medicine. This we can do most effectively by honest, sincere, dedicated service to our patients and to the community. For it is the people of this land who will ultimately decide our fate. These same people are also the loyal, devoted patients of the fine doctors of this country. The challenge is, therefore, not so much that of the AMA, but rather that of the practicing physician, working through his county medical society.

Let's all tell the story of medicine. The hour is late, and the candle of freedom burns low.

—Jack Schreiber, M.D.

## FEBRUARY MEETING

In an active business session on Tuesday, Feb. 19, the Medical Society took a stand against the Ohio Medical Indemnity pre-payment medical-surgical plan, and passed two resolutions to go before the House of Delegates at the annual meeting of the Ohio State Medical Association in May.

The action against the payment-in-full-medical plan came as a vote against a motion, submitted by Dr. R. B. McConnell, asking that the Society accept the principle of service-type medical-surgical insurance. A second motion, proposed by Dr. Jack Schreiber, was passed to notify the president and council of the Ohio State Medical Association of the local decision, and to recommend that the state-wide vote on the plan be delayed until after the House of Delegates meeting.

The two resolutions to go to the State Association are printed elsewhere in the Bulletin.

A record turn-out of one hundred and twenty-eight members attended. Dr. Asher Randell, president, presided at the meeting which followed a dinner at the Mural Room.

On the same date that the medical society passed the "pooled resources of insurance companies" resolution, a bill was introduced in the Ohio State legislature to permit joint action by insurance companies to write group sickness and accident insurance for persons age 65 and over. This is H. B. 376 introduced by representatives Shawan and Dennison.

The medical society is awaiting further information from Columbus as to whether or not this will carry out the idea as set forth in the resolution to go before the Ohio State Medical Association.

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## 20 and 10 YEARS AGO

### Thirty Years Ago—March, 1933

Last month 275 doctors came out to hear Dr. E. Starr Judd of the Mayo Clinic lecture on "Acute Cholecystitis." That established a new record for attendance at a regular monthly meeting.

Plans were going ahead for a big Post-Graduate Day in April with a group here from Memorial Hospital in New York. The Speakers Bureau had members out to speak before service clubs and woman's groups stressing cancer control.

Charles Scofield had an interesting article on "Costs of Medical Care." He invited attention to the high cost of luxuries, of pseudo-medical and pseudo-religious cults; the high cost of government itself and the cost of committees to investigate medical care.

### Twenty Years Ago—March 1943

President-Elect Nagel reported that although most of the younger men were gone to war, the local situation was well in hand and there were no major complaints about lack of medical care.

Much news in the Bulletin about men in the armed forces and many letters from them. Chalker was at Camp Crowder in Missouri doing abdominal surgery and varicose veins. Sam Tamarkin in the Air Corps at Columbia, S. C. was going general medicine and trying to keep warm in the damp, cold climate. Szucs was at the Maritime Training Station in Boston with the U. S. Public Health Service. Shensa was at Augusta, Ga. training with a field unit. McConnel was in Cairo, Egypt sight seeing up and down the Nile. Goldstein was practicing dermatology for the Navy at Newport, R. I. Goldberg had been at Camp Davis in North Carolina for two years, doing anesthesia. Coombs was at Truax Field in Madison, Wisconsin, running the laboratory of a 700 bed hospital with only one technician to help. Cukerbaum was stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Corpus Christi, Texas. John Goldcamp was at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Tims was in England wishing he were here to see his new born son. Morris Rosenblum was at Columbia University studying clinical pathology, auspices of the U. S. Army. Kupec was Squadron Surgeon and Flight examiner for the Air Corps at Buckley Field, Colorado. Ipp was chief of the medical service at the Army Air Force Navigation School at San Marcos, Texas. The whereabouts of Wm. McElroy and Ray Hall were unknown. Their families had not heard from them for seven weeks.

### Ten Years Ago—March 1953

President Goodwin congratulated WKBN and WFMJ on securing television facilities for Youngstown. He predicated that the medium would be of great value in educating the public in health matters.

Most of the doctors (except those with FACS) were up in arms about Paul Hawley's blast against unnecessary and incompetent surgery. Reverberations of the controversy started then are still heard. Editor Reese called it a "dirty blow."

The chief of the Veteran's Administration said that a segment of medicine was determined to eliminate non-service-connected disability from the V-A and that would wreck their program. He said there was not much difference between non-service and service-connected disabilities.

A bill was introduced in the House of Representatives to establish a government medical and dental school. President Eisenhower's brother Milton, President of Pennsylvania State College, told the American Heart Association that he was opposed to socialized medicine and believed "passionately" in private enterprise.

New members that month were: W. B. Hardin and J. N. Thanos. Meetings were held at the Elks Club and there was a new elevator to take us to the third floor.

—J. L. F.

## HOSPITAL NEEDS SURVEY

With many of us having patients on the waiting list for admission to the hospital, it would appear that there is a need for more hospital beds in this area. However, much thought and study should be given to this problem before any such decision is made or action undertaken. Hospital construction is costly and statistics show, in spite of well-meaning efforts, that an over-supply of hospital beds frequently results in a higher rate of occupancy by those covered by insurance. In our own area, the average hospital stay of those with insurance is  $1\frac{1}{4}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  days longer than those without insurance.

Statistics compiled elsewhere show that as the bed ratio per thousand increases, the admission rate, as well as the rate of occupancy, also increases. In a semi-rural New York area, when the bed ratio increased from 2.8 to 3.8/ 1000, not only did the admissions rate increase accordingly, but the occupancy rate did likewise. This 42% increase in bed capacity was accompanied by a 38% increase in utilization by Blue Cross subscribers, and the average length of stay increased in 40 of 53 diagnostic groups.

Locally, Trumbull County with 2.75/ 1000 beds has an 84% occupancy rate, whereas Mahoning County with the higher bed ratio of 4.65/ 1000 has an occupancy rate of 88%. Even with a medical center, a Cuyahoga County survey did not recommend an increase of hospital beds and there is a 4.70/ 1000 ratio there.

Some authorities have concluded that such things as utilization, home care programs and prepaid outpatient services fail to reduce hospital usage below the level corresponding to a given bed supply, so long as patients have insurance or bed use is financed through public funds. They are also of the opinion that in some areas a physician's decision to hospitalize or not to hospitalize a patient is influenced by the availability of a bed for the patient with adequate insurance. With beds readily available, they also say it is possible that even a medical admissions committee or an admissions officer with a rigid set of rules might relax and admit the patient simply to enhance the income so necessary to any hospital.

The Council of our Society in Mahoning County approved a resolution recommending, through a joint effort, a professional survey be made in this area to determine just what our situation is at present and what the future might demand. In these times, our citizens can little afford the cost of increasing our hospital facilities, and with the present concern for the future economy of this area, such a decision could be most unwise.

—C. W. Stertzbach, M. D.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This resolution was presented to the Society for consideration and was tabled.



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## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1963, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio.

The following physicians were present: Asher Randell, president, presiding, G. L. Altman, B. C. Berg, G. W. Cook, R. R. Fisher, Frank Gelbman, R. B. McConnell, John J. McDonough, H. P. McGregor, C. E. Pichette, R. J. Scheetz, Jack Schreiber, C. W. Stertzbach, C. C. Wales and C. K. Walter. Absent were: W. H. Bunn, G. E. DeCicco, F. A. Friedrich, S. D. Goldberg, V. L. Goodwin, P. J. Mahar, H. J. Reese, and F. A. Resch. Also present were: Mr. Lloyd Stillson and Mr. Lamar Donahay, representing Stillson & Donahay Agency, Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m.

Dr. Randell introduced Mr. Stillson, who made a report, giving the sixteen year history of the Mahoning County Medical Society health and accident group. He cited advantages of the group and advised members not to drop from the group in favor of the new AMA health and accident insurance plan. Copies of the report are attached to the minutes.

Dr. McGregor reviewed the problem of the Canfield Fair committee as to who had the right to say what exhibits were acceptable in the medical health tent. He then read a resolution passed by the Canfield Fair Board giving the Mahoning County Medical Society this authority. He then asked advice of council as to how a screening committee should be selected and organized.

Dr. Randell read a letter from Dr. J. L. Fisher, chairman of the Constitution Committee concerning two proposed amendments to the constitution. Both amendments were submitted without the recommendation of the Constitution Committee.

Discussion ensued concerning an amendment that would provide for a classification of "retired member" for those members who had retired, but had not been named Honorary members. The motion was made and seconded that the amendment be approved. Motion was defeated. The secretary was instructed to keep a list of the retired members.

Discussion ensued concerning the second proposed amendment which would give voting privileges on council to delegates and alternate delegates. The motion was made and seconded that the amendment be approved. Following discussion, the motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the amendment be referred back to committee.

Dr. Randell reopened the matter of problems that the podiatrists feel that they have with the medical profession. During the discussion, Dr. Randell read a favorable statement by the American Medical Association Judicial Council.

A letter was read from Edwin H. Childs, registered pharmacist concerning the practice of patients trying to return unused prescription medications. Dr. Schreiber offered to write an article for the Bulletin about the problem.

A letter was read from G. R. Mehl, Superintendent of the Poland Local School District concerning medical society assistance in obtaining an accident insurance program for athletes. Following discussion, the matter was referred to the Health Insurance Committee, and the secretary was directed to write to Mr. Mehl asking that he contact Dr. Reese.

A letter was read from Wilbur D. Orr and James E. Scanlon concerning a new invalid service. Council reaffirmed that it was not within province

of council to endorse any commercial enterprise, and suggested that they contact the Aid for the Aged and Welfare offices.

Dr. McGregor was asked to meet again with his Polio Fund Committee with a quorum present and to bring in a report to next meeting of council.

A letter was read from the Chamber of Commerce asking endorsement of a proposed survey of the Youngstown Police Department by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Following discussion, the motion was made, seconded and duly passed that a letter of endorsement be sent to the Mayor.

The executive secretary was asked to leave the meeting while the matter of salary increase was discussed. Following discussion, the motion was made and seconded that the salary of the executive secretary be increased at the rate of \$300 per year for five years. The motion was then amended to read that the increase be \$500 for the current year, and \$400 a year for the next four years. The amendment was seconded and the amended motion was passed. The executive secretary was recalled to the meeting.

The role of the delegates at the annual meeting at Cleveland was discussed. It was noted that the senior delegate is obliged to have a meeting of the delegates after the resolutions are published in the Ohio State Medical Journal, and that both council and the society will have the privilege of instructing the delegates.

Dr. Pichette introduced discussion concerning the Supplementary Report of the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association, which deals with intern training programs. Following discussion, Dr. Pichette and Dr. Stertzbach offered to prepare a resolution stating an opinion for consideration by council.

Dr. Randell announced that the next appointment to the Youngstown Board of Health is due on April 1, 1963. He read the names of the members of the current Board of Health. It was the suggestion of council that the medical society recommend to the Mayor that a dentist be appointed to the Board of Health.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Howard Rempes  
Executive Secretary

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## ANNUAL MEETING EXTENDED ONE DAY

An innovation of the Ohio State Medical Association's 1963 Annual Meeting, in Cleveland, May 12-17, will be the extra day added to the meeting to permit better spacing of scientific sessions, specialty society meetings and general sessions, so as to avoid meeting conflicts.

The entire meeting will be held in the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, this being made possible by the hotel's recently completed \$2,500,000 convention facilities.

Among highlights of the scientific program will be a session presented by the Western Reserve University School of Medicine, joint meetings of most of the Ohio specialty societies with the specialty sections, special programs by the Ohio Division, American Cancer Society, Inc., and the Ohio State Heart Association, and the American College of Chest Physicians Fireside Conferences, in cooperation with the ACCP Ohio Chapter, which proved so popular at the 1962 OSMA Annual Meeting.

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## BOARD OF HEALTH BULLETIN

### Report for January, 1963

	Resident		Non-Resident		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Births .....	64	48	57	57	226
Deaths .....	92	73	69	48	282
Infants Deaths .....	4	0	2	1	7

#### JANUARY, 1962

Births .....	84	74	84	85	327
Deaths .....	108	60	49	40	257
Infants Deaths .....	3	4	3	6	16

#### COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

	1963		1962	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Chicken Pox .....	55	0	111	0
Diphtheria .....	0	0	0	0
Measles .....	97	0	8	0
German Measles .....	0	0	0	0
Mumps .....	27	0	55	0
Scarlet Fever .....	13	0	5	0
Tuberculosis .....	4	2	9	3
Typhoid .....	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough .....	5	0	0	0
Infectious Hepatitis .....	1	0	0	0
Rheumatic Fever .....	5	0	4	0
Gonorrhea .....	38	0	28	0
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## NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS



DR. NICHOLAS JOSEPH GARRITANO, a general practitioner, was born in Youngstown, and went to Woodrow Wilson High School and Youngstown University. He received his medical degree from Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University, in 1959. He interned at St. Elizabeth Hospital, and took his residency in Medicine there in 1960 and 1961, opening his office for general practice at 231 E. Midlothian Blvd. in August of 1961. Dr. Garritano completed his military service during the Korean War, where he was a Technical Sergeant in the Air Force from 1948 to 1952. He has published a paper entitled "Significance of Ventricular Activation Time in Cardiac Pathology." His wife is the former Norma Louise D'Egidio, whom he married in 1953, and they have a son, Nicholas Matthew. They live at 231 E. Midlothian Blvd. He is a member of St. Dominic's Church. His hobbies are golf, photography, and model railroads.

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DR. ROBERT E. HAMLISCH, a psychiatrist, was born in New York City on May 29, 1928. He attended Bronx High School of Science and Harvard College. He received his medical degree at Yale University in 1953. He interned at Bellevue Hospital in New York and passed his National Boards at that time. He took a residency in Internal Medicine at Bellevue Hospital until 1955, when he went into military service as a Captain in the Air Force, stationed in Minnesota. Following the service, he took his residency in Psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine. He then entered practice at Grove Hill Clinic in New Britain, Connecticut, in 1960. On October 1, 1961, he took over the direction of the Youngstown Adult Guidance Clinic, 128 W. LaCleda Ave. He is also Clinical Instructor in Psychiatry, Western Reserve University, and holds a staff appointment in the Department of Medicine at Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital. He is a member of the American Psychiatric Association. Dr. Hamlich has published papers entitled, "Properties of Plasma Cholinesterase" and "Disorders of Calcium and Phosphorus Metabolism." His wife is the former Helma Albertine Klett, whom he married in 1956, and they have two children, Nathan and Elizabeth. They live at 19 Circle Drive in Poland. His hobbies are bridge, chess, handball and reading.



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DR. SKEVOS MICHAEL ZERVOS, a general practitioner, and the son of Dr. Michael S. Zervos, was born in Youngstown on July 29, 1926. He attended South High School and Mount Union College. He received his medical degree at the National and Capodistrian University of Athens in Greece in 1958. He interned at The Youngstown Hospital Association and took his residency in General Surgery at the same hospital. On Oct. 2, 1961, he became associated with his father in the Stambaugh Building in Youngstown. He is a member of the Greek Orthodox Church of America, the American Hellenic Educational

Progressive Association, and Phi Kappa Tau.

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MORE NEW MEMBERS PICTURES NEXT ISSUE

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## Bulletin Board

Dr. John Keyes was in Cleveland on Monday, January 28 for the purpose of proctoring the annual examination of candidates for certification by The American Board of Ophthalmology. He has assisted with the examinations of the Board since 1939.

In addition to conducting a private ophthalmic practice Dr. Keyes has found time for research at Western Reserve School of Medicine, for teaching Ophthalmology at undergraduate and graduate levels and to serve as consultant to The Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., and Crile V. A. Hospital, Cleveland. He is co-author of a text book on Ophthalmic Pathology.

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When "South Pacific" opens for an eight-day run at the Ohev-Tzedek Temple Auditorium, much of its success will be credited to the work of three area medical men.

Dr. Lou Bloomberg of Boardman has been handling the very complex job of stage manager, Dr. Harold Segall is working on the intricate task of procuring ads for the program book, and Dr. Fred D'Amato is assisting in the men's wardrobe department. In addition to these three doctors, dentist Dr. David Mulne is co-chairman of the ticket committee and registered nurse, Mrs. Helen Elliott of South Side Hospital, is trading thermometer for needle as she prepares costumes for the musical. This is the fifth annual fund-raising musical presented by the temple.

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Dr. M. S. Rosenblum is the new president of the Mahoning County Chapter of the Ohio State Alumni Association. He was chairman of the chapter's 1962 OSU Development Fund, when it raised \$33,499, which was almost ten times its goal, and the third highest amount raised by any chapter in the United States.

### MEDICAL-LEGAL BANQUET NEXT

The annual medical-legal banquet will be held on Tuesday, March 19, at the Mural Room. According to an announcement from the Mahoning County Bar Association, the host for this year's get-together, the word is strictly entertainment - - non-legal and non-scientific.

Plan to enjoy a social evening with the lawyers and the doctors. A hospitality hour begins at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be at 7:00. Tickets will be \$5.00 each. Make your reservation with the Bar Association office.

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## WIFE LINE

I am most grateful for the tremendous response to last month's article—the enthusiastic reaction was overwhelming! As promised, here are the answers to the contest entitled 'How Well Do You Know Your Friends?':

1. Dena Evans designed the Auxiliary's Gavel Club pin.
2. Norma Garritano was the Hair Stylist considered one of the area's best.
3. Helena Costantini is the busy practicing Veterinarian.
4. Libby Werbner is the Psychiatric Social Worker.
5. Helen Goudsmit is the Ph.D. teaching Chemistry, and Emmy Weltman is the Ph.D. teaching German, at Youngstown University.
6. Janet Brody was the Radio and TV Public Relations personality.
7. Joyce Chen is the graduate Social Worker who brought Chinese children from Hong Kong to America, after their adoptions were arranged.
8. Sally Silver is the Registered Pharmacist.
9. Peg Turner is the former member of the Women's Army Corps.
10. Sadie Zoss is the professional Interior Decorator.

It was very surprising that so few were able to name all ten members correctly. Many were aware of the first six mentioned in this order for this article, but few knew about Joyce, Sally, and Peg, and very few know that Sadie owned 'Decors Interiors'. So, there are the answers—get ready for a future guessing game.

Some of our members are very interested and active in volunteering their time for various deserving organizations, and are greatly rewarded by their feeling of service to our community and to those who truly are in need of help: Janet Brody has been making recordings for the blind. She and a small group, have been tape recording books that were not available in Braille on the Junior High School level. There are nine blind students at the Rayen High School (14 in the Board of Education School System in all), and the necessary books were made available to them by these tape recordings. There is a need for volunteers at the Society For the Blind, also. Will you please call them and offer your help? Fran Firestone has been an active volunteer worker for the Mahoning County Society for Crippled Children and Adults since the time she answered a plea for help ten years ago, and has been working and enjoying doing so, ever since. Now the Assistant Treasurer, Fran helped in the original organization of the pre-school Nursery School, which is responsible for helping many crippled children to become acceptable for entrance into regular school kindergartens, and thus start them on their way to more normal and happier lives. There are twenty-four youngsters now enrolled in the Nursery School. Volunteers would be gratefully accepted—if you are interested, please call the office of the Society for Crippled Children and Adults; Louise Fenton is the volunteer Chairman of the Nursing Service of the Mahoning Chapter of the Red Cross, and was in charge of setting up the infirmary, isolation ward, clinic, baby nursery, and sleeping quarters for children and adults at the Mock Disaster Center and Canteen in Idora Park on February 26, which started the drive for funds for the Red Cross. Although the Red Cross is now affiliated with the Community Chest, financial aid will not start until next January 1, so the funds collected now are needed to carry out their fine work until that date. Louise has been working with the Red Cross as a volunteer Nurse for 22 years, and has been the Nursing Service Chairman for six years. She is in charge of the Disaster Committee, Home Nursing, Teaching Services, and



Nurse Enrollment. Dena Evans is also a very industrious worker for the Red Cross and has been a volunteer for many years. She has been the Chairman for Recruitment for the past four years. If you are interested in volunteering your services, in any capacity, call Louise or Dena.

The Annual Dog Show, sponsored by the Mahoning-Shenango Kennel Club, will be held on March 24 at Idora Park, and some of our members and their husbands are donating trophies or showing dogs. Peg Turner is Co-Chairman of the Trophy Committee this year and is well-known in this area as a breeder of wire haired dachshunds. She will start breeding Belgian sheepdogs, a rare breed, this year. Her daughters, Sue and Bess, are donating a trophy in the Belgian Sheepdog Class; and twin sons, Dan and David, are donating a trophy for the Best of Variety in the Wire Haired Dachshund Class. Eleanor Katz is donating a trophy for the best dog shown by its breeder; Bebs Wales is giving a prize of five silver dollars for the highest scoring Miniature Schnauzer. Sally Hutt, Nancy's daughter, is donating two trophies in the Brittany Spaniel Class; and Irene Randell's two trophies will be awarded in the Wire Haired Dachshund Class, also. Since the closing date for entires for showing dogs is March 12, there is no official listing of this at the present time, but we do know that the Turner family will show their two champion dogs. Helena Costantini will be one of the official veterinarians for the Show. We are very fortunate to have a dog show of this caliber in our area, so bring the children, and everyone will have a most enjoyable time.

The February 26 meeting held at the Mural Room was a tremendous success. Beulah Mae Inui's stimulating program was enthusiastically appreciated by 82 members of the Auxiliaries of the Bar Association, Dental Society, Engineering Society, and our own Medical Society. Gloria Hamysh, Social Chairman for the meeting, and her committee, did a very fine job, and the well planned arrangements showed many hours of careful effort. The program was about the American Field Service and the Children's International Summer Villages. Students of the A. F. S. now in our area from foreign lands for completion of their third or their fourth year of high school, and the four Youngstown children who represented the United States, and attended the Summer Village held in Norway last Summer, told of their fascinating experiences and reactions. In addition, forty youngsters from the West Boulevard Elementary School sang songs, danced Norwegian dances, which proved that new sources of interest can be shared by many more persons than just the actual participants of these overseas experiences. I particularly enjoyed hearing some of the thoughts expressed in the official C.I.S.V. song, sung each day at each Summer Village throughout the world, and perhaps they are the essence of the ideals of these two fine organizations:

"Learning through the things we do  
How alike am I to you?  
Sow a seed or plant a tree  
Beneath whose branches there may be  
All the nations gathered free.  
Sharing all we have to give  
Learning how to love and live."

The A.F.S. and C.I.S.V. organizations are accepting new members, and if you are interested, please call Beulah Mae.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on March 26th at the delightful Chateaubriand restaurant. Marge Rosenblum is the Program Chairman for this luncheon meeting, which will start at 12:30 P.M. Marge has arranged for Dr. Arthur Rosenbaum of the Department of Psychiatry at the University Hospitals in Cleveland to be guest speaker. His subject for

discussion will be: "The Automobile—A Mental Health Problem." (Perhaps therein lies the cause of our troubles—so we will all have to attend in order to find out what we can do about it!) The Auxiliary has a Program Fund, which enables us to have well-qualified and experienced speakers who will provide Auxiliary members and their guests with interesting, informative, and enjoyable programs. Dr. Rosenbaum has a fine reputation as an outstanding psychiatrist and lecturer, and we urge you to attend and to avail yourselves of the opportunity of hearing this popular speaker. The Trumbull County Medical Auxiliary has been invited to join with us at this meeting. Remember the date—March 26th at the Chateaubriand at 12:30 P.M.

I was thinking . . . How would you like to have Auxiliary-sponsored theater parties and attend baseball games, in nearby cities, afternoons or evenings, with our husbands? We could charter a bus, stop for lunch or dinner (as the hour would decree), then attend the activity, and return—with maybe a "wee stop for a wee one or two".

How would you like the idea of a Bowling League for our children in various age groups? We could start one—complete with lettered shirts (maybe call them the 'Junior Medics'), and even award trophies.

What about chartering a bus to take our families to the Pittsburgh Zoo? Some of our children have never been there; those who have, will agree that it is much more fun to go in a group.

Detroit is only about 4½ hours away from Youngstown by car. How would you like chartering a bus and spending a weekend there with the family? We could stay at the Dearborn Inn on the premises of Greenfield Village and Ford Museum. These are two of the most famous tourist attractions in the United States. Everyone could ride on a real steamboat, see replicas of many famous men's homes, ride on horse drawn carriages on streets as they were a hundred years ago, see the original Wright Brothers' bicycle shop where the first airplane was put together, Henry Ford's original workshop where the first automobile was built, and many other famous items of old Americana. This would be an experience never to be forgotten! Let's plan a weekend there this Summer—in a large group!

Although the Auxiliary would make some extra money on these projects, let's also help the Medical Society (as we are pledged to do), by arranging for their members to join with us and all have a great deal of enjoyment and relaxation together!

See you next month.

—Charlotte M. Tandatnick  
Publicity Chairman

### DELINQUENT DUES

The names of all dues paying members who have not met their financial obligations to the Mahoning County Medical Society by March 31st will be published as delinquent members in the April Bulletin and again in the May and June Bulletins if their delinquency persists. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of the society to furnish the editor of the Bulletin the names of the delinquent members for publication in the April, May and June Bulletins.

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